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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Henry K. Choe

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 11, 16-19, 26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-10, 12-15 and 20-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 11, 16-19, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sigmon (Fig. 1) in view of applicant's admitted prior art (Fig. 1 of drawing).

Regarding claims 1, 11 and 16, Sigmon (Fig. 1) discloses an amplifier circuit comprising a composite amplifier (Fig. 1) having a power amplifying stage comprising an even number (4) of power amplifiers (14, 15, 22, 23) connected to a common load (RLOAD). As described above, Sigmon (Fig. 1) discloses all the limitations in the claims except for that the amplifiers being Chireix amplifiers. Applicant's admitted prior art (Fig. 1 of drawing) discloses an amplifier circuit comprising Chireix amplifiers (16, 18, 20). It would have been obvious to substitute applicant's admitted prior art (Fig. 1 of drawing)'s amplifier (16, 18, 20 of Fig. 1 of drawing) in place of Sigmon's power amplifiers (14, 15, 22, 23) since Sigmon discloses generic power amplifiers thereby suggesting that any equivalent power amplifiers would have been usable in Sigmon's reference.

Regarding claims 2 and 17, Sigmon (Fig.1) further including means (40) for driving at least one Chireix pair (14, 15) by drive signals (outputs of 40) having

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amplitude dependent phase over at least a part of the dynamic range of the composite amplifier (Fig. 1).

Regarding claims 3, 18 and 19, Sigmon (Fig.1) further including means (40) for driving at least two Chireix pairs (14, 15; 22, 23) by drive signals (outputs of 40) having amplitude dependent phase over at least a part of the dynamic range of the composite amplifier (Fig. 1).

Regarding claims 26 and 27, the limitations recited in claims are obvious based on intended use of the invention.

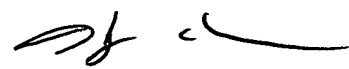
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-10, 12-15 and 20-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry Choe whose telephone number is (571) 272-1760.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER